

REMARKS:

- 1) Claims 42 to 44 and 46 to 48 have been canceled in this amendment. No other amendments have been made. Entry of the claim amendment is respectfully requested.
- 2) Referring to the bottom of page 3 of the Office Action, the allowance of claims 21, 25, 26 and 28 to 41 is appreciated. All other claims have been canceled. Thus, all remaining claims 21, 25, 26 and 28 to 41 should now stand allowed.
- 3) Referring to pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, the rejection of claims 42 and 43 as obvious over the prior art has been obviated by the cancellation of these claims.
- 4) As all remaining claims are now allowable, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application with claims 21, 25, 26 and 28 to 41 are respectfully requested.

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